

VILLAGE OF SOUTH RANGE
REGULAR MEETING
October 02, 2025
6:00 pm

The Regular Meeting of the Village of South Range Council was held on Thursday October 02, 2025 at the Village of South Range Community Hall; 45 Trimountain Avenue; South Range, MI 49963

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. The following council members were present: President Eakin, Trustee Marier, Trustee Hill, & Trustee Korby. There were 5 guests in attendance. Others Present: Street Commissioner Burkman and Clerk Dorsey.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was not a public hearing but residents were given the opportunity to make a statement.

B. Garbacz informed the council about an item that was stolen from his yard. Other residents, including the council, discussed several other incidents of items being stolen throughout town.

M. Franchi discussed his new project on M26 and updated the council with details on its current status. Snowmobile parking will move from the baseball field pavilion to the new parking lot on M26. Public works explained options for future garbage removal for the new business, along with future plowing plans.

K. Jutila expressed her frustration regarding her current renters water bills and that she is not receiving a copy of the bills.

AGENDA:

MOTION made by Trustee Marier, with support from Trustee Korby to add "Probation Review" to the October 02, 2025 agenda.

Roll call: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Hill

Nays: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION made by Trustee Marier, with support from Trustee Korby to approve the August 07, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.

Roll call: Ayes: President Eakin, Trustee Hill

Nays: None. Abstain: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of meeting minutes for September 04, 2025 were put on hold until November 06, 2025

STREET COMMISSIONER REPORT

Street Commissioner C. Burkman stated that Water-Tank Road was washed out from the heavy rains. Public works performed maintenance and repairs on the road. Public works attended the annual water conference located in Escanaba, MI. All members of South Range public works attended. The waste water lagoons will be ready for discharging before the next monthly meeting. Public works also stated that they winterized the town by putting trash cans and community benches in storage. Winter machinery is ready for winter. Several water lines were fixed during the month of September.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Eakin had discussions with the Wetlands Club regarding future restorations of land and eliminating some wetlands near the South Range baseball fields. President Eakin went on to have discussions with some residents of South Range regarding residents' concerns with snow and current building projects. President Eakin discussed options regarding sand for the winter.

CLERK REPORT:

Clerk Dorsey made the final payment to Bacco Construction for the Whealkate Drive Rehabilitation Project. The project is officially complete. Meetings with OHM and MDOT will take place during the week following the meeting. Fire prevention material was ordered for fire prevention week taking place on October 09, 2025. Clerk Dorsey reported some issues with the Village of South Range website and that these issues are being resolved.

FIRE REPORT:

A fire report was not available for the October 02, 2025 meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

President Eakin inquired if there were any questions or concerns regarding the September 2025 bills. Trustee Korby motioned to approve payment of the bills, seconded by Trustee Hill. Bills totaling: \$156,591.76 in new bills.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustee Marier

Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS-UNFINISHED/NEW:

The baseball fields in South Range were discussed. It was stated that the Village's current lease of the property is expired and that a future lease will need to be established. The council discussed future leasing options along with the possibility of purchasing the land. It was determined that the Village of South Range would speak with the VFW about possible options.

An old work truck owned by The Village of South Range was suggested by Public Works to be sold to the public. The council suggested opening a closed bid to the public. Trustee Marier motioned to allow the bid, seconded by Trustee Marier.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustee Hill

Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

A future plow-policy was discussed regarding current South Range residents and Public Works. Trustee Marier stated that he will write a policy to review for the November 06, 2025 meeting. "No Parking" policy is to be advertised immediately for the November 1st enforcement date.

Trustee Marier motioned to go into a closed session, seconded by Trustee Korby.
Trustee Marier motioned to close the closed session, seconded by Trustee Korby.

A part-time assistant for the Community Hall was discussed at the meeting. Trustee Marier motioned to approve a part-time assistant seconded by Trustee Hill.

Roll call: Ayes: Trustee Korby

Nays: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Halloween hours for 2025 were discussed by the council. It was established that hours for trick or treating will be 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

With no further business brought before the Council, Trustee Korby motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45PM with support from Hill. VOTE: All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED - Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Steven Dorsey, Village of South Range Clerk